

FARM LOAN BILL

Congressman Doolittle's Measure Due to Pass This Session.

It Has the Backing of Kansas Farmers Generally.

INTEREST RATE 3 PER CENT

Plan Provides for a Maximum Amount of \$12,000.

Borrowers Must Reside on Property Securing Loan.

Congressman Doolittle's farm loan bill, with provisions even more advantageous to farmers than in the original measure is due to pass Congress from Washington. The measure by the fourth district congressman is now in the hands of the Senate, but he called up for consideration early in the session.

Since he started a fight for a farm loan bill, Congressman Doolittle has received letters from more than 11,000 land owners in Kansas and other western states. Failure of the bill would mean the loss of the measure, however, but it has not lessened interest in federal aid for farmers and Doolittle is confident that a measure embodying the general provisions of his bill will be enacted.

A Vital Change. One of the changes in the new Doolittle measure concerns an increase in the maximum loan from \$5,000 to \$12,000. That the bill also provides for the establishment of a bureau of farm loans under direction of the treasury department. An appropriation of \$500,000 is provided to put in operation the machinery necessary for the operation of the farm loan plan. Loans under the plan of the Doolittle bill will be made by the government at an interest rate of 3 per cent and for an amount not exceeding 75 per cent of the value of the land. Persons participating under the system must live on and operate the farms securing the loan.

Some Sort of a Bill. "Some sort of farm loan bill is going to pass Congress at this session," Doolittle wrote to a Kansas friend. "I am confident that much of my bill will go into the new law. It is the most popular farm loan bill yet introduced and the demand for it is increasing. The measure means that Congress must act. To my mind there will be no measure before Congress at this session which will more vitally concern the central west."

Hundreds of Kansas farmers have petitioned their congressmen to vote for a measure which will provide federal aid for agriculturists. The Doolittle bill won much favorable support during the last session. The amendments have been injected during the present session, there is a belief that the measure will pass before the session closes. The change increasing the maximum loan will require a larger appropriation in the operation of the law, but is expected to meet all general conditions relative to the demand for federal farm aid.

Will Be Settled. (Continued from Page One.)

Meanwhile, the press is withholding comment. The remarks incidental to the announcement that the note had been received were temperate and even friendly.

All circles are convinced the outlook may fairly be described as favorable.

International Commission. No inkling has been gained as to the nature of the forthcoming Austro-Hungarian communication on international law. Professor Lammasch, who is a member of the tribunal at The Hague, suggests that in view of the fact that there is a misunderstanding between the two nations, an international commission of naval experts from neutral countries be appointed to examine the Ancona case as was done in the famous Doggerbank incident.

It is felt in certain quarters here that this procedure would offer the best chance of establishing the facts and thus placing the responsibility.

A. P. Hears Real Facts. The Associated Press correspondent can state on the best authority that the German government as well as the Austro-Hungarian government are anxious to maintain good relations with the United States, providing no conditions regarded as prejudicial to the honor of this nation are imposed.

At the American embassy the impression prevails that it is still possible to arrive at a solution of the Ancona question.

Attack on Wilson. Amsterdam, Dec. 24.—In commenting on the second Ancona note from America to Austria-Hungary, the Volks Zeitung of Cologne, Germany, makes a vigorous attack on President Wilson. It says the president will not let slip an opportunity to gain a great success since "failure would prejudice his prospects for the next election."

Red Cross to Mexico. New York, Dec. 24.—The executive committee of the American Red Cross announced today, following a meeting here, that the organization is prepared to send a corps of physicians and nurses to aid the Mexican authorities in stamping out typhus fever. The meeting was presided over by former President William H. Taft.

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Decorating U. S. Ships. Washington, Dec. 24.—Every ship in the United States navy and every army post and camp wherever located, showed red signs of Christmas today. A week ago the suggestion was made that Uncle Sam's service men of both branches plan for special Christmas privileges and programs. The work of decorating ships and army stations began today.

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TABLE TALK

AT THE COMMERCIAL CLUB.

Charles Mitchell said ex-President Taft's statement about postmasters being nothing but ornaments and immediately made the following statement: "I maintain that if W. F. Rhyly is considered an ornament, Topeka got stung."

The following coming events were announced in the December issue of the Commercial Club Bulletin:

December 30, Thursday—"A Kansas Triumph Dinner"—To celebrate the excellent showing made by Kansas products at the Panama-Pacific exposition. The Kansas commission—Messrs. A. Reid, Topeka; Frank Hodges, Olathe; Walter P. Innis, Wichita; J. L. Pettijohn, Olathe; H. E. Dean, Kansas City, Kan., and W. F. Benson, Eldorado—will be guests of honor. Special stunts will be pulled off and if you miss this event you will regret it. Make reservations early.

January 12—Carl Vrooman, assistant secretary U. S. department of agriculture. Noon luncheon.

January 13—D. Ward King of Missouri, father of the coal-tar road drug, and Mrs. G. H. Mathis of Alabama. Mrs. Mathis has a wonderful story of practical methods in farming to tell. Noon luncheon.

January 14—Annual meeting. Election of board of directors. Reports of committees.

Word was received at the club today that Ralph Faxon of the Wichita Commercial club had recently been made secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at Des Moines, Ia. Faxon is well known in Topeka and his friends will be interested to know of the change.

The business men celebrated their last meal of the week at the club this noon. Tomorrow the Yuletide spirit will reign supreme and the club will be closed all day.

The attendance at the club this week has been light because the heavy Christmas trade has kept the merchants close to their work.

Miss Jones didn't make a speech to thank the members of the club for the beautiful gift she received, like Secretary Kelley did, but she wanted this space to tell all her friends that she was "just as tickled as she could be" for the smile was evidence enough of this feeling.

"Mother, dear, I'm coming now," with those words upon his lips, the little fellow left this world of care. And gone to realms above, of Jesus and His love.

I turned my head to wipe the tears. I knew were falling fast. And then the Lord who Crippled Jim Had found a home at last. The angels sweetly took his soul To that great celestial throng. He spent his Christmas here. BOB LAWTON.

Topeka, Kan.

KING PETER IS THERE

Serbian Crown Watching What Is Left of His Army—Cousin's Close Escape.

Rome, Dec. 24.—Prince Alexis Karageorgievich of Serbia, a cousin of King Peter, has arrived here after an adventurous escape from Albania with his wife, the prince says that the left of the Serbian army has resumed contact with the Bulgarians east of Elbasan, where fighting has been going on for three consecutive days.

King Peter went on horseback to Avlona, from which place he is watching the operations of his army, commanded by General Misiatch.

TURKS REPORT GAINS

Hostile Air Craft Is Shot Down—Cruiser Is Hit in Attempt to Bombard Port.

Constantinople, Dec. 24.—The Turkish war office tonight gave out the following statement concerning the progress of hostilities:

"On the Dardanelles front five torpedo boats and one cruiser were compelled to retire, the cruiser having been hit."

"At Seddud Bahr there was a violent artillery action on the right wing. A hostile air craft was shot down at Birsheba."

SANTA CLAUSES GALORE

Osage City Will Give Kiddies Real Treat Tonight at Community Christmas Tree Event.

Osage City, Kan., Dec. 24.—Osage City will have its first community Christmas tree this evening, at which time a program will be given and about 1,200 children given a treat of candy, nuts and fruit. A beautifully decorated Christmas tree has stood on Market street, all lighted with many colored electric lights, for the past ten days. In addition to the program there will be four or five Santa Clauses to amuse the children.

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LINED FOR ACTION IN THE CHURCHES

Several Special Services To Be Held Saturday.

Early Morning Affairs Feature of Christmas Observance.

(Additional Christmas services will be found on Page 10 of this paper under the heading, "Christmas Eve.")

Several of the Topeka churches will hold special Christmas services Saturday. Musical programs have been arranged, some taking place early in the morning. Following are the programs of Saturday services in the churches:

First Lutheran. Six to seven o'clock services, rendering of Knight's cantata, "The Christ Child." The church will be decorated and especially illuminated for this affair. The Rev. M. F. Troxell, pastor of this church, will have charge. The program:

Pipe organ prelude—Miss Emery. Carol, "Silent Night, Holy Night." Hymn, "It Came Upon the Midnight." Cantata, "There Were Shepherds," quater.

Soprano recitative, "Suddenly With the Angels." "Glory to God in the Highest."

Soprano recitative, "And It Came to Pass." Quartet, "Let Us Go Now Even Unto Bethlehem."

Recitative, "And They Came With Haste." "All My Heart This Night Rejoices."

Solo and chorus, "Away in a Manger." Chorus, "The Lord, the Lord Is Come."

Offertory solo, "Hallelujah, Christ Is Born." Hymn, "Angels From the Realm of Glory."

Benediction. The voices of the quartet will be as follows: Soprano, Miss Edith Troxell; alto, Miss Marion McAdie; tenor, Bernard McQuinn; bass, M. E. Mikesell. Organist, Miss L. Emery.

First Swedish Baptist. Early morning service, "Juletton," beginning at 5:30 o'clock. The church auditorium will be appropriately decorated and lighted by a large number of candles in accordance with an old Swedish custom. The program:

Organ prelude—"Prayer and Response." Miss Alice Johnson. Rockwell.

Hymn, "We Welcome Thee, O Wonderful Christmas Morning." Congregation.

Scripture, Isaiah 9:1-7, J. A. Lundgren. Song, "Listen to the Angels Sing." Hultman.

Chorus, "Christ's Chorus." Prayer, "The Lord, the Lord Is Come." A. L. Skoag.

Angels, "The Lord, the Lord Is Come." A. L. Skoag.

Choir.

Offering and announcements. Sermon, "The Lord, the Lord Is Come." Hymn, "The Morning Star."

Vocal solo, "Christ to God in the Highest." Erickson.

Mrs. J. Martinson. Scripture, Luke 2:1-20. Fred Carlson. Anthem, "The Star." A. L. Skoag.

Orchestra.

Prayer, "The Lord, the Lord Is Come." Hymn, "The Morning Star." A. L. Skoag.

Vocal solo, Selected, C. H. Wingblade. Sermon, "Peace on Earth." A. L. Skoag.

Anthem, "Hallelujah." A. L. Skoag. Choir.

Hymn, "Oh Thou Holy." Congregation.

Benediction. The Sunday school Christmas exercises will take place Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Swedish Lutheran. Special early Christmas morning service beginning at 5:30 o'clock. Children's Sunday school exercises at 7 o'clock in the evening.

FIRST REAL SNOW

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below the 32-degree point. One year ago today there was 7 inches of snow on the ground. The lowest on record for this date, was 10 degrees. The highest on record is 68 degrees, established in 1894.

The Kew River dropped 1 of a foot since yesterday, making today's stage 5.9 feet.

A variance of only 1 degree in temperature from 4 o'clock this morning until 3 o'clock in the afternoon was a feature of today's weather. The snow on the ground this morning measured 3.2 inches. The moisture from this will measure .41 of an inch. The wind is blowing at the rate of 14 miles an hour from the northwest.

The forecast calls for cloudy and colder weather tonight; Saturday fair. It is expected that the strong wind will blow from the north or northwest tomorrow.

Hourly temperature readings:

7 o'clock ... 32 11 o'clock ... 32

8 o'clock ... 32 12 o'clock ... 32

9 o'clock ... 32 1 o'clock ... 32

10 o'clock ... 32 2 o'clock ... 32

Four States Get Snow.

Kansas City, Dec. 24.—Snow was falling over a greater part of Kansas, this section of Missouri and the southern part of Iowa and Nebraska this morning. Measurements of the precipitation reported to the local weather bureau ranged from one to four inches.

Observer Connor said the storm would extend into the night.

The snow was shot and heavy and interfered somewhat with telegraph and telephone wires in the affected districts. The storm hovered near the thirty degree mark.

St. Joseph, Mo., reported the heaviest snowfall—four inches being recorded. North Platt, Neb., got three inches, Atchison and Concordia, Kan., two inches while Omaha, Kansas City and a number of other points had one inch on the ground early in the morning with the storm continuing.

Snow at Atchison.

Atchison, Kan., Dec. 24.—Two

William B. McKinley (top) and Joseph W. Fordney.

Republican leaders declare that Representative Frank P. Woods of Iowa will not be re-elected chairman of the Republican national congressional committee. The honor is expected to fall upon either Representative William B. McKinley of Illinois or Congressman Joseph W. Fordney of Michigan. Both these men are millionaires, and are very influential in the councils of the party.